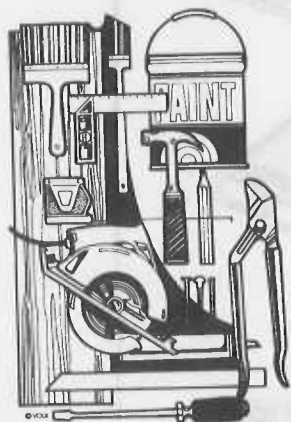


VIBRATIONS

THE OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

VOLUME 6-2 MAY 1983



O. S. A.

OWASIPPE

FIX-IT

June 3, 4 and 5

The Fix-It Weekend(s)...The OSA is planning to volunteer at two this year! The June 3, 4 and 5th date is almost upon us and the fall activity is scheduled for August 19-21st (after the camp season ends). Volunteer adult workers are being sought to help repair camp facilities and perhaps establish new ones. All members are needed to lend a hand. The 1983 camping season is upon us and it's time to get the Reservation in tip-top working order.

- Be a part of our commitment to Owassippe, show your concern for Owassippe and to those Scouts which it serves.
- These activities are a proud tradition which brought record numbers to camp last spring....
...over 100 attended!
- Food and housing will be provided at no charge for workers only!

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Needed are: Carpenters, roofers, electricians, plumbers, drivers, painters and general workers of all types. Those planning to attend must bring their own tools they intend to use. Also, any working tools and equipment for donation, to the reservation, should be brought up.

If interested in lending an honest days work to the property, please contact the OSA Coordinator, John Maluta at 471-0617, before May 20th. Interested workers can also contact the Camping Service office at 559-0990 and submit your name, address and phone number where we can reach you.

Call today and let's put together a sizeable task force to be at Owassippe on that date. Help prepare the great facilities at Owassippe for the coming season.... remember June 3, 4 and 5 are almost here, so call someone to insure your spot for the FIX-IT Weekend.

VERY IMPORTANT:

1. Accomodations are being made on a first come-first serve basis. The deadline for these accomodations (lodging and food) WILL BE MAY 20th - Friday.
2. There will be absolutely NO alcoholic beverages allowed any where on the reservation or work sites. Reservation policy - No exceptions.



Special Events

O.S.A.

GREEN STAMPS

DRIVE

The S&H Green Stamps have been coming in quite well as of late, however, more could certainly be used for the purchase of needed camp equipment.

We can use stamps and certificates in any size contributions. All donations should be sent prior to June 3rd so that we still have time to plan our purchases for camp.

Stamps will be collected at the FIX-IT weekend for those who are planning to attend that outing, held at Owasispe.

Chairperson for S&H collection is Chris Sanchez, 581-5577.

As you may recall, last year the OSA purchased lifejackets for the camp waterfronts. Over the last two years, the OSA has purchased 31 lifejackets through green stamp and certificate donations. Mail them to the OSA- P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, Ill. 60153 or drop them off at the Scout Service Center.

THE GREAT CHICAGO SCOUT SHOW

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 21

WHERE: HAWTHORN RACE TRACK

WHAT: AN EXHIBITION OF CHICAGO SCOUTING BY SOME 400 PARTICIPATING UNITS

COST: \$2 per person- Tickets available at the door, at the Scout Service Center, 730 W. Lake St., or through any unit.

(tickets purchased from a unit will help send a Scout to camp!!!)



Dominick Days... May 23-24-25 at all Chicagoland Dominick food stores.

Before purchasing those foodstuffs for that holiday weekend, bring along a benefit certificate to give to the cashier at your favorite Dominick's. 5% of your pre-tax grocery bill will then, in turn, be donated by Dominick to the Owasispe Staff Association.

Every bit helps!! These benefit certificates will be available two (2) weeks prior to the above dates at the Scout Service Center and Trading Post or by calling 387-0428, Mon. thru Fri. All such certificates may be photocopied for use on those dates.

Scouting
Let's keep Scouting
going stronger than ever...

GARAGE SALE

On Saturday, May 7th the OSA will be conducting a Garage Sale at the location of the chairman for the event, Mike Nelson. Mike and neighbors will be on hand at 6113 N. Miami in Chicago (near Elston & Milwaukee) from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Saleable contributions such as appliances, furniture, books, tools and crafts have been popular at past garage sales. Mike is doing an outstanding job and any help we can supply to him will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund ongoing camp projects and to offset other operating expenses. Friday, May 6th is a special members-only presale, however, the member should have something to contribute to gain admission. This again will be Friday nite (7-10pm) before the sale is open to the public on Saturday.



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Annual Dinner

The fifth annual meeting and dinner was held on March 5, 1983 at the Northwest Builders Hall in Chicago. The event was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of many and the participation of all the 162 people that attended!

The evening began with the fellowship of seeing some old friends and meeting new ones. Voting was held, prior to the dinner for the election of board members. There were tables set-up with articles of interest to be viewed from the past five years of OSA activities and accomplishments. Mugs, shirts and jerseys were on sale commemorating the fifth anniversary of the OSA.

The food was abundant and the service fast and when dinner ended the annual meeting began.

A tremendous narrated slide show opened the meeting to the sound of applause. This show was done in a very professional manner through the hard work of Curt Cavnar. Well done, Curt!

The meeting concluded with the introduction of the Board for 1983 which included two new board members; Gale Stoffregen and Roy Martino. One of the many highlights of the evening was the recognition of Mr. Sheridan Nunn as an honorary life member by the OSA. Mr. Nunn has been one of the most ardent supporters of Scouting in the Chicago Area, and one of our most precious assets to the Scouting movement as a whole. Congratulations and our great appreciation go out to Sheridan!

Dancing and generally just camp talk abounded for the remainder of the evening. Intermitten bursts of laughter and good cheer were heard from every corner of that hall on March 5th.

The Association would like to thank Phil Niziol, Curt Cavnar, the Music Company and all of those people who made the Fifth Anniversary Annual Meeting such a great success.

IT'S SPRING...
CATCH THE FEVER!

PERSPECTIVE: by Ron Kulak

*ON KEEPING US INFORMED...One of the nicer benefits of OSA membership is that it enables you to keep in touch with camp happenings and with the accomplishments of staff comrades. But, despite reports of being clairvoyant, the newsletter editorial staff will never know about nor print that promotion, birth, marriage or adventure unless they are kept informed by YOU! As things happen, please let us know...we are all interested!

*ON RENDERING OPINIONS...The philosophies and management of the staff association result from the processing of a variety of ideas, both pro and con, from not just the board of directors but also from the general membership. Those that speak will be heard. Please give us your ideas and do not hesitate to use "Vibrations" as a forum for your opinions. We would love to get an active "Letters to the Editor" started. It is our primary medium of communication.

*ON RECRUITING HELP...Our membership committee is looking for additional participants to help organize an effort to reach back into those old camp staff rosters and contact those that were, at one time, an integral part of America's Premier Camp. Being that these rosters, which date back to 1952, are somewhat out-of-date, quite a bit of research must be undertaken. Written correspondence and phone contacts will be utilized to reach out to our membership candidates. You may also help by submitting the name and address of a past staff associate to our Membership Chairman, Phil Koehl, at 885-9769. (Our growth is unlimited if we all would take a few minutes to help reach our potential.) Considering how many people have worked at Owasippe over the years, it should be a relatively easy matter to double our membership in five years.

*ON PROCRASTINATION...The quickest way to drive the chairperson of an activity insane is to sign up for the event at the last minute!!! This continually occurs and is extremely dangerous to events where advance planning and reservations are necessary. We have always accommodated everyone... and have always accepted their word-of-honor... however, this practice has already come close to blowing-up in our face, and may have to be discontinued. Please have the courtesy to observe our event deadlines. The sooner you register, the faster our committees can act to ensure success to our mutual benefit!

*ON SERVICE...On behalf of the OSA, I would like to convey our sincerest appreciation to Pat Monahan and Joe Sener who recently finished respective terms as directors of our board. Both have made invaluable contributions to our association and this small space and newsletter could never do justice to any explanation of their service. Joe is one of our founders and has exhibited an analytical mind and a genuine concern for the welfare of the OSA. He has served as a coordinator for the pier project, Fix-It Weekend Chairman, Coordinator of our "Ultimate Challenge" task force, and, most recently as vice-president. Pat was a board member for the last three years bringing along with him a new insight into our operations and a sharp intellect. He ran our most successful picnic in 1981, assisted with the '82 garage sale, orchestrated a well-organized and effective camp unit leaders' survey this past summer, and pulled off 75% of our camp promotion efforts this past winter. Both Joe and Pat have exemplified the importance of service and devotion to our association and its purpose. Kudos to their accomplishments.

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TRAIL PROGRAM

Work progresses on the revitalization of the trail system. Because of the size of the task it has been broken down into a two year project. This year the following trails will be ready for the troops:

Red - This trail will be a consolidation of the best that the old red and old yellow have to offer. It will extend along the eastern portion of the reservation from Blackhawk to Camp West.

Orange - A beautiful trail that time forgot. Some of us still remember. It use to, and will again, run around the shore of Wolverine Lake.

White - There will be a series of whites which should best be described as special interest trails. The whites will also be connecting trails, to hook up the other trails, so that scouts can hike between them to develop a way of getting from one place to another by ways that suit their own specific needs.

Blue - Running much like the Red, this trail will extend along the western edge of the reservation from Blackhawk to Camp West.

Respectively, the people who are heading up the efforts on each of these trails are Jim Richerson, Bill Dopke, Tom Crissey, and myself. The old yellow, which extends from Blackhawk to Pines Point will not be upgraded this year. It is hoped that it will be ready for the summer of 1984. The four of us and the OSA would like to extend our thanks for the help we have received from:

John Yonan who donated many of the raw materials and whose help has been invaluable in getting punch press time and getting the fleur-de-lis in shape.

Dave Galius who is getting the die manufactured.

Eric Cavnar who is helping us to procur cans of spray paint at a greatly reduced price.

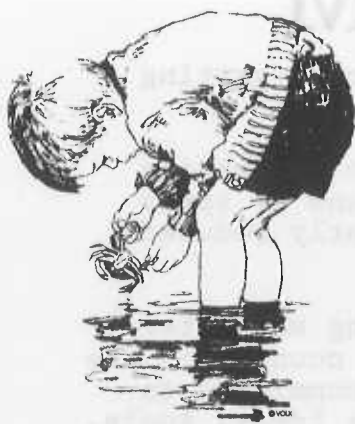
Dave Schlichting who interfaced with the council on the behalf of the committee to assure that the ideas, goals, and plans for the Trail Revitalization were acceptable to them.

In the future, people who go to Owasippe can look forward to the yellow trail being upgraded, a special new trail is being developed by Troop 50 which will trace the outer perimeter of our property and cut in an east-west direction across the southern part of the reservation, cat's eye trails, an orienteering trail, and a new map in 1984.

See ya on the trails,

John Grout





by Frank Chlebek

District Exec.
Bay-Lakes Council
Oshkosh, Wis.

TIGER CUBS, b.s.a.

Early in September, 1982, the Boy Scouts of America kicked-off a new phase of the total Scouting experience called Tiger Cubs. This program is for 7 year olds and second grade boys. The Tigers must join with an adult, whether parent, friend or relative, and must attend all functions with them. Tiger Groups, 3 to 8 boy/adult combinations, meet at least once a month, or more often as decided by the Group.

The Tiger Cubs Group is formed as a "satellite" of a Cub Scout Pack. They meet on their own on the day and time the Tiger Cub Group adults decide. The Group is invited to the Pack's February Blue and Gold, and Spring Graduation into the Pack as Cub Scouts. That way the boys can be part of the Summertime Activities. The program is designed to give both the boys and adults the flavor of Cub Scouts without inviting them to every pack function.

Leadership of the Group is on a "shared" basis. In other words, every adult must take their turn for at least one month. The Program Leader, plans the monthly activity and decides where to hold it. Ideas for monthly group meetings can come from personal hobbies, careers, or outside interests.

A "Tiger Cub Idea Book" was designed by the National Office to help. Some activities which have been used are: tours of Police Stations, (continued next column)

Fire Houses, Hospitals, Airports, etc; fast-food restaurants and pizza parlor; local Army Reserve or National Board facilities; local industry tours; and even a night of roller-skating, bowling or archery. Since the activities are planned by each parent, the program leader can do things which interest them.

The boys can also do things with other members of their family outside of Tiger meeting time. Some are relatively inexpensive from making sun-tea, to learning to read a road map, to doing an energy audit of the home. Others cost some money like taking a taxi or bus, or going to a museum. In all, the Tiger Cub Idea Book provides 17 different Big Ideas with 15-20 things to do with each Big Idea. There's plenty to do for everyone throughout the year.

The fee for Tiger Cubs is \$5.00 and it includes everything from the registration fee, to the Idea Book, iron-on decals for a T-shirt uniform, a wall chart and stickers to plot achievements, and instant membership cards. The whole package comes in one nice kit immediately when you sign-up. The program lasts for one year, from September to August.

National Council did a fine job in designing this program. They kept it simple and flexible. The amount of special terms used are easy to understand and kept to a minimum. The material available is very informative and beneficial in helping to develop the group. Last but not least they kept it fun! They designed a program which lives up to the term KISMIF (keep it simple, make it fun!)





CAMP

NEWSBRIEFS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AT OWASIPPE FOR 1983

*** Camp Akela- a 3½ day introduction to the Boy Scout outdoor program for the 10-year old Cub Scout and his father. Two such camp periods will run from August 7 thru the 13th at Camp Carlen (Sauger Lake).

*** The Ultimate Challenge- an advanced outdoor experience designed for the veteran Scout campers or Explorers who are at least 14 years of age. The purpose of the program is to build leadership, improve communication skills, develop trust levels among the fellows and to help one understand his own personal courage. Every one attending this program will encounter 30 challenging physical outdoor obstacles. Groups of 12 take this course as a team. The program will be available during each of the camp's seven camping periods.

Participation will be difficult to estimate this year. The course has a capacity of 24 each week. The program is estimated to have a construction cost of \$6,000, based on retail purchases of the needed material and equipment.

*** As of April 47 troops from Calumet Council have registered for Owasippe this summer (over 680 Scouts). Last summers total was 291 Scouts. A GREAT INCREASE for Owasippe's total!!!!

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*** Specialty Outposts: Fishing, Frogman, Horsemanship, Sailing Survival, Wagon Trail and White River Engineering & Lumber Company (Backwoods Engineering).

*** Special Activities for the advanced camper include: White River canoe trips, backpacking excursions on a revitalized trail network, the Wolverine Channel Swim (2.5 miles), Voyageur (3-days, afoot & afloat). (Further information on these programs can be received by calling the Scout Service Center at 559-0990.)

*** Scouter Senior Citizens Camp at Camp Reneker. This special program is for those 55 years of age or older who are or, at one time, were involved with the Scout program. This activity is a fun-filled, week-long time for those adults only. A full program along with special activities will be administered by the camp's staff. Cost for this week excluding meals is \$80 per cabin.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS: Phase 3 projects costing roughly \$131,000 for camping property improvements, has recently been allocated by the Council Finance Committee. \$25,000 of this is a result of a gift from H. Earl Hoover. Most of the work should begin this spring.

REAL ESTATE TAXES: Because of a change in the State of Michigan's method of evaluating property, Owasippe may realize a reduction of \$12,000 in its real estate taxes... providing that the current tax rate is not adjusted.

Sheridan Nunn reports that showcases and memorabilia are still being sought for the Owasippe Museum.

TIDBITS: This past winter, for the first time in a looooong time, Lake Wolverine did not freeze over.

----- 150 acres of land located toward the east end of Big Blue Lake and next to the County Park are up for sale in 3 parcels (Supervisors Plot).



THE GALLOPING GRAPEVINE

***** We warmly welcome our newest life member, Dr. John Schuetz. Doc Schuetz of Oak Park was camp physician at Owassippe from 1965 through 1968, and served on the camp inspection teams from 1967 through 1981. John is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and has held positions on the Scout Council Executive Board, Regional Board, Regional Health and Safety Committee, Nat'l Explorer Committee, and the Nat'l Health and Safety Committee. He is presently a physician at Rush Medical College.

***** Welcome also, John Stockman, a new member from St. Charles. John is an active Scouter with Two Rivers Council. He has served on Roundtable Staff and as O/A Chapter Adviser. He worked in the Camp Stuart commissary in 1957 and then on Camp West aquatics in 1958. He is self-employed as an industrial designer and woodworker.

***** Best wishes to Stan Territo and his wife Judy, who have moved to Plano, Texas, where Stan is now an office manager in nearby Dallas.

***** Best wishes to Peggy Paxson who is now residing in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She has not been able to get Scouting out of her blood--- she has been pushing for more Eagle Scouts and more merit badge activity in Va. She sends her regards to her friends in Chicago!

***** Jack (Tiny) Norman has now embarked on a new path that has taken him to Owassippe, he has been working on the pre-camp staff since 3-13-83!

***** Ken Van der Griend has started a new job with Household Merchandising as a Senior ADP auditor. Ken has done an outstanding job for the OSA in processing and updating our membership records and roster files for the last 3 years! All of our rosters and mailing labels have been run on a computer system by Ken to help us keep up-to-date on all address changes that have occurred in our membership.

***** Bob Kjellander recently became the Assistant Executive Director for the Illinois Medical Society. He and his family will be relocating to Clarendon Hills from Springfield, where Bob served the State as the Governor's Chief of Staff and re-election campaign director.

***** Mike Hierl has recently started working, as an attorney, with the law firm of Dressler, Goldsmith, Shore, Sutker and Milnamow, Ltd. (whew!!). The firm is located at the Prudential Plaza in Chicago. Best wishes go out to Mike in his professional endeavors.

***** Joe Kerke couldn't make the banquet on March 5th because he was sent to Birmingham, Alabama along with his Marine Corps Reserve battalion. His unit will be getting combat-tested this summer. Some additional good news for Joe, is that he is anticipating his warrant to Major shortly. Currently, he is Commanding Officer of Battalion K, stationed at Joliet, Illinois. His full-time profession is at Kenwood Academy as a "Knowledge Chemistry" teacher.

***** Rudy Pesut went to Maui and Oahu in the state of Hawaii for a week in February. He has another vacation in March, his plans, Vegas! On the working side of this tidbit, Rudy has been of great help to us in the camp promotion presentation visits to the Calumet Council District Roundtables.

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*****Since our last issue, we were advised on the recent marriage of one of our members, Kevin O'Reilly was married on Jan 29th to Maryanne Buenik, the newlyweds are presently living in Alsip.

*****Vacations were also noted to the staff for this issue, among the many, Chris Sancez was vacationing in Canada where she was involving herself with the pleasant pastime of downhill skiing.

*****Marilyn Pickers was also enjoying some vacation time. Her trip took her out to the Colorado Rockies where she could enjoy some snow skiing also.

*****Our numbers are growing all the time, however, new sources of membership are continuously being sought. If you have contacts with friends or relatives who served on staff, find out if they are interested in joining, or give us a lead on their whereabouts. Some of our newest members as of the date of this printing are:

Keith Vacey	Bro. Patrick Strong
John Stockman	Dan Palka
Dale Salzman	Diane Young
Dr. John Schuetz	Frederic Mack
Richard McGrath	Ken Miholits
Maureen O'Conner	Bob Daman
George Van Durme	Richard Grout

THE WELSH BIRTHRIGHT

For we are kindred
to Lordly things
The wild ducks flight,
the white owls wings,
To pike and salmon,
to bull and horse,
The curlew's cry and
the smell of the Gorse*

*common Welsh flower

(This poem was submitted by Jerry Brown for the 1983 Banquet yearbook however, it did not arrive until after the book had been printed. We reprint it here for you.)

THIS MUST BE OWASIPPE

Well the Summer is underway
From the city I came today
Wait a minute, where can I be?
Well this must be Owasippe

The mighty oak trees, the sassafras
The rolling valleys, the lakes of glass
The sweetest sunset you'll ever see
Well this must be Owasippe

A lasting friendship, a merit badge
Discovering skills you never thought
you had
And there's adventure for those that
dream
It's all here at Owasippe

Here the eagle with grace does fly
A threatened hero in an endless sky
A stirring moment for those that see
That's what I call Owasippe

AND WHEN YOU'RE HERE YOU'LL SEE
WHAT SCOUTING CAN TRULY BE
AND PRETTY SOON YOU'LL FIND
IT'S IN YOUR HEART AND MIND - (repeat)

As the days pass you realize
Your choice to come here proved to be
wise
And maybe next year, if it's to be
You'll be back at Owasippe

And down your life's path and faraway
You may reflect on your yesterdays
You carry with you a memory
And its name is Owasippe

(end with chorus - repeat twice)

--- Ed Kinnerk



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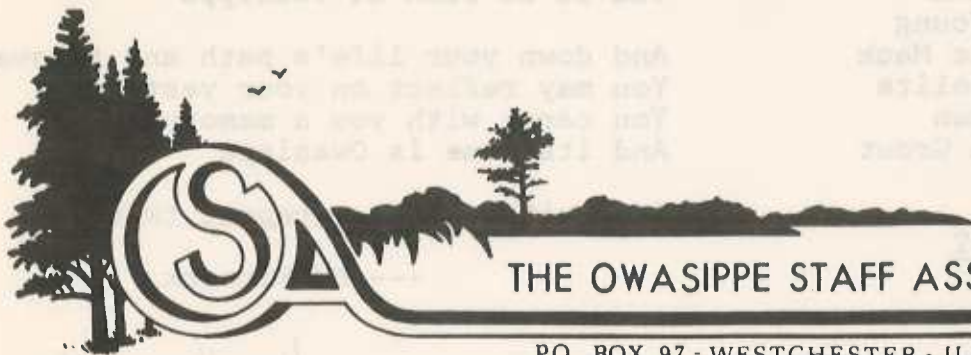
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